

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to FORCE their stations to air a pure propaganda film days before a election is a clear ABUSE and VIOLATION of Sinclair's legal requirement to serve the entire public interest. The 62 licenses that Sinclair receives free of charge require Sinclair to promote the public's interest. The public's interest is news that is objective and unbiased not "reports" "specials" and "documentaries" that have no journalistic integrity and only reflect one side, the corporation's, of an issue.

Moreover it is inherent in the granting of these licenses throughout the United States is meant to promote the local good of the various and varied communities served. Sinclair's actions of consolidating most "local" news in one city and using cosmetic changes in the broadcasts to FOOL the public into believing that they are receiving local news is clearly violates the public trust.

If Sinclair cannot run a profitable company without consolidating local news in one corporate location let them sell their affiliates. If it is clear that their business model doesn't work if they follow the law then let them get a new model. DO NOT ERODE OUR RIGHTS to fit their business model or make Sinclair PAY FAIR MARKET VALUE for the airwaves they are entrusted with. If they actually owned the airwaves then they could broadcast whatever tripe however they wanted. The American public may be without standards in our broadcasted shows but at least the US Treasury would be richly rewarded. The way it stands now the American Public GAINS NOTHING from media consolidation and LOSES EVERYTHING.

Sincerely

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